

S.C. Floodwater Commission National Security Task Force

Feb. 13, 2019 teleconference

ABBREVIATED MINUTES

The following minutes are *abbreviated* for the 13 Feb conference call. Future teleconference minutes will be as thorough as previous minutes from previous calls.

The National Security Task Force (NSTF) teleconference was called to order by NSTF Secretary W. Thomas Smith, Jr. at approximately 2:00 p.m., 13 Feb 2019.

Present for the teleconference in no particular order, including officially designated members of the NSTF and any non-members, were:

Col. Bill Connor – CHAIRMAN
Col. Steve Vitali – Operations Officer
Col. W. Thomas Smith Jr. – Secretary
Mr. John Cleveland – Governor's office
Maj. Gen. George Goldsmith
Lt. Col. Louis Walter
Director Kim Stenson
Chief Master Sgt Dwayne Ayers
Maj. Jay Sirmon

South Carolina Floodwater Commission (SCFC) Chairman Tom Mullikin – who was recognized by NSTF Chairman Bill Connor – was also present for a portion of the NSTF conference call.

[Titles and ranks above are subject to correction]

The conference call was held at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) following a day-long DoD workshop for several of the teleconference participants.

Smith opened the meeting, called the roll, and turned the meeting over to Connor.

Connor thanked everyone for being present both at the EOC and on the phone. He then commented on the overall success of the workshop and how much of what had been discussed throughout the morning and in the early afternoon was applicable to the work of the NSTF.

Connor then reiterated the importance of the slides for each installation going forward. He again discussed the importance of the work of the NSTF, the organization of the NSTF, forthcoming conference calls, and the goal of the 1 July "White Paper" for delivery to SCFC Chairman Mullikin and Gov. McMaster.

Connor added that the draft must be ready by 15 June.

Connor said the paper will focus on the NSTF's research, assessment, and evaluation regarding vulnerabilities and other floodwater-impact issues to respective military facilities and other national security-related infrastructure within the NSTF's AOR, and what needs to be done to address all issues. Connor spoke at length about this.

The issue of protecting classified material was again discussed.

Connor turned to Col. Steve Vitali, the NSTF operations officer, for an update.

Vitali discussed the necessity of the installation slides and the deadlines for slides being two days prior to future conference calls. He also discussed at length the particulars and a timeline for all forthcoming work by the NSTF. Both Vitali and Connor described issues and needs through examples from previous floods.

Connor said the next conference call would be 13 Mar. Connor then called for alibis. He then thanked all teleconference participants. Connor officially closed the teleconference.

Submitted by W. Thomas Smith Jr., Mar. 11, 2019